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Re: U.S. Patent Application
DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A
DATA STORAGE MEDIUM
By: Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO
Attorney Docket: 15162/01640

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to
DRIVING DEVICE AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A DATA
STORAGE MEDIUM, Masahito NIIKAWA and Hiroaki KUBO, inventors:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
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- (5) Assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd., with
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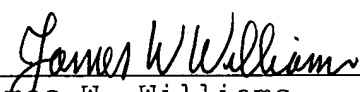
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